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Establishing Systems in Compliance with ISO 14001: 2015

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What is ISO 14001?

ISO 14001 is an internationally agreed standard that sets out the requirements for an environmental management system.

It helps organizations improve their environmental performance through more efficient use of resources and reduction of waste, gaining a competitive advantage and the trust of stakeholders.

What is an environmental management system?

An environmental management system helps organizations identify, manage, monitor and control their environmental issues in a holistic manner.

Like other ISO management systems, it uses a High-Level Structure. This means it can be integrated easily into any existing ISO management system.

It also includes the need for continual improvement of an organization's systems and approach to environmental concerns.

Who is ISO 14001 for?

ISO 14001 is suitable for organizations of all types and sizes, be they private, not-for-profit or governmental.

It requires that an organization considers all environmental issues relevant to its operations, such as air pollution, water and sewage issues, waste management, soil contamination, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and resource use and efficiency.

ISO 14001:2015

Demands:

- The increased prominence of environmental management within the organization's strategic planning processes
- Greater commitment and input from leadership
- A stronger commitment to proactive initiatives that boost environmental performance
- Environmental management to be more prominent within the organization's strategic direction
- A focus on life-cycle thinking, to consider the environment from development to end-of-life
- The establishment of a stakeholder-focused communication strategy

What benefits will it bring to my business or organization?

Users of the standard have reported that ISO 14001:2015 helps:

- Demonstrate compliance with current and future statutory and regulatory requirements
- Increase leadership involvement and engagement of employees
- Improve company reputation and the confidence of stakeholders through strategic communication
- Achieve strategic business aims by incorporating environmental issues into business management
- Provide a competitive and financial advantage through improved efficiencies and reduced costs
- Encourage better environmental performance of suppliers by integrating them into the organization's business systems

How do I get started with ISO 14001:2015?

A number of resources provide detailed guidance on how to use the standard, but here are a few tips to get you started:

- Tip 1 Define your objectives. What do you want to achieve with this standard?
- Tip 2 Get buy-in from senior management. It is essential that the leaders of your organization support the objectives of an effective environmental management system and are committed to the process.
- Tip 3 Get a good overview of existing processes and systems relevant to your environmental impact. This will allow you to more easily identify gaps.

What Management System tools are required?

In order to both drive and evidence compliance with the standard, organisations are required to ensure they have specific processes and procedures in place.

Many clauses of the standard can be satisfied by implementation of common, yet specific processes and systems, such as 'Management Review'

The attachment that accompanies this presentation gives some indicative examples of how this might be achieved

Any questions?

Thank you